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TAGS: SENV, OECD  
SUBJECT: URBAN CONCERNS PAPER

1. MISSION CONSIDERS LATEST VERSION OF PAPER EMINENTLY SATISFACTORY FOR U.S. PURPOSE. NEW MATERIAL AND GENERAL STRUCTURE ARE EXCELLENT. WE DO BELIEVE SOME CHANGES SHOULD BE MADE. NOTABLY ONE SHOULD ELIMINATE ARGUMENTS THAT TRY TO RELATE PROPOSED URBAN INITIATIVE TO OECD'S MEDIUM TERM STRATEGY. AN EFFORT TO RELATE URBAN PROBLEMS DIRECTLY TO MACRO-ECONOMIC CONSIDERATIONS RISKS AROUSING OPPOSITION FROM THOSE WHO FEAR DUPLICATION WITH ECONOMIC POLICY DISCUSSIONS (FOR EXAMPLE, ELDIN HAS EXPRESSED THIS CONCERN), AND THOSE WHO FEAR DIVERSION OF THE URBAN AFFAIRS WORK PROGRAM AWAY FROM URBAN PROBLEMS AS SUCH. WE HAVE ALSO MADE MINOR DELETIONS AND WORDING CHANGES TO IMPROVE CLARITY AND ELIMINATE REPETITION. WE WILL SEND CORRECTED COPIES BY AIR POUCH, FRIDAY MARCH 10.

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2. REGARDING PROPOSED BILATERAL APPROACHES TO SEEK HOST GOVERNMENT SUPPORT PRIOR TO COUNCIL ACTION, MISSION OFFERS FOLLOWING INFORMATION: WE HAVE HAD STRONG EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST AND REPEATED INQUIRIES ON U.S. PROGRESS FROM CANADA, SWEDEN, AUSTRALIA, JAPAN, U.K., NETHERLANDS, DENMARK, FINLAND, PORTUGAL, TURKEY, GREECE AND AUSTRIA. IT IS HIGHLY LIKELY THAT

POSITIVE INTEREST ALREADY EXISTS IN CAPITALS OF ABOVE COUNTRIES WHICH WILL BE REINFORCED BY U.S. PAPER. WE HEAR THAT POTENTIAL INTERAGENCY JURISDICTIONAL PROBLEMS MAY SURFACE IN FRANCE AND GERMANY, MAKING THEIR RESPONSE SOMEWHAT UNCERTAIN. WE MAY EXPECT THAT MOST COUNTRY REACTIONS, EVEN THE MOST ENTHUSIASTIC ONES, WILL STRESS THE NEED TO MINIMIZE THE IMPACT ON OECD BUDGET.

3. REGARDING TIMING, MISSION ANTICIPATES FOLLOWING SEQUENCE OF EVENTS:

- A) MISSION RELEASES PAPER TO SECRETARIAT.
  - B) SECRETARIAT DISTRIBUTES PAPER TO DELEGATIONS.
  - C) WASHINGTON INITIATES BILATERAL EFFORTS TO DEVELOP COUNTRY SUPPORT.
  - D) ON CONCLUSION OF BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS, MISSION WILL REQUEST COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM ON URBAN INITIATIVE. USOECD AMBASSADOR WILL MAKE OPENING STATEMENT. COUNCIL WILL HOPEFULLY APPROVE ESTABLISHMENT OF AD HOC GROUP.
  - E) AD HOC GROUP IS APPOINTED AND BEGINS WORK.
  - F) IF WORK IS SUFFICIENTLY ADVANCED, INTERIM REPORT MIGHT BE ENVISAGED TO 1978 MINISTERIAL MEETING.
  - G) FINAL REPORT SUBMITTED TO 1979 MINISTERIAL MEETING.
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